

Headteacher's Bulletin

17/11/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are still receiving complaints from local residents about inconsiderate and unsafe parking, and now about threatening and abusive behaviour. We teach the children in school to respect people and property, and we expect that those values are underpinned outside of school. Having positive relationships with our local community is important and we encourage our neighbours to report unsafe parking in Kingfisher Drive and other local roads to the Traffic Enforcement Officers, and instances of threatening behaviour to the police.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey
Headteacher



Year 3 Geology Day!

The Year 3 classes enjoyed an afternoon of Geology activities, run by students from Reading Blue Coat School. They learned about fossils, different types of rock and non-Newtonian fluids from the knowledgeable RBCS students, and they even went mining for chocolate chips!



Winter PE kit

The weather is getting chillier so please make sure your child has a tracksuit or jumper and long jogging bottoms to wear for outside PE. Hats and gloves would be a great added bonus!

Did You Go To William Gray?!

Year 1 will soon be learning about the history of Highwood School, and when it was called William Gray. It would be lovely for the children to be able to hear first-hand about life at William Gray School and how the school has changed. If any parents/carers/family members who went here would be willing to come and answer questions from the children on Monday 27th November we would be very grateful. If you have any photos of the school or the uniform we would love to see those too! Please email the school office, or the Year 1 email address if you are able to help. Thank you!

Our Years 5/6 boys football team attended the Wokingham League Tournament at Floreat Montague Park School this week. The boys played very well and behaved, as ever, very professionally. Well done!

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate today or to buy Pudsey merchandise to raise money for Children in Need. In total we have raised nearly £900 for a very worthy cause!

Photograph Orders

Don't forget the deadline for ordering your child's individual or sibling school photograph is Monday 20th November.

Autumn Term 2023

Diary Dates

FOH Non-Uniform Day

Friday 1st December

Maths Workshop available to parents

> Friday 1st December

FS and KS1 Nativity - morning

Tuesday 5th December

Years 1-6 Christmas Lunch/Party with

Christmas Jumper Day Fundraiser

Wednesday 6th December

FS and KS1 Nativity - afternoon

Thursday 7th December

FS and KS1 Nativity - morning

Friday 8th December

FOH Winter Fair

Sat 9th December, 11.00am-2.00pm

F1 and F2 Christmas Party

Thursday 14th December

Parent Book Look

Thursday 14th December

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 15th December

Attendance 6th – 10th November

Whole school attendance:	95.7%	Whole School Target – over 96%
Top class for attendance:	Years 1G and 6B 97.3%	

It is good to see we are creeping closer to our whole school target, and congratulations to both Years 1G and 6B for top attendance last week!

Friends of Highwood

Another successful disco night was held yesterday! The room was lit up with glow-sticks and children and adults enjoyed dancing the night away! A huge thank you to everyone from FOH involved in the organising, and to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped make it happen. **THANK YOU!**

Remember, if you are able to spare some time to help FOH at the Winter Fayre please complete the form [here](#) before **Friday 24th November**. If you have any questions please email FOH chairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk.